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Blast War Targets Near Tokio



SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. — U. S. Navy Soundphoto — Here is one of first photos showing American carrier based planes blasting Japanese targets near Tokyo. The tail assembly of an attacking plane frames the photo, with smoke rising from hits which struck the factory a few seconds previously. This scene is typical of the damage wrought on enemy war production as the mighty carrier strike rocked the Tokyo area.

43d Division Wins Praise In Philippine Campaign

After 21 bloody days of fighting on Luzon island in the Philippines during which time the 43rd Infantry Division had constant contact with enemy forces and gained their objective against the stiffest opposition encountered on the island, Major General Innis P. Swift, Commander of I Corps, wrote a letter of commendation to Major General Leonard F. Wing of Rutland, Vermont, 43rd Division Commander, for the work done by the division during the Luzon operation.

In the commendation he singled out each regiment, the 103rd National Guard Regiment from the State of Maine; the 169th National Guard Regiment from Connecticut; and Rhode Island, and the 172nd National Guard Regiment from Vermont.

The 43rd Infantry Division was charged with taking and holding the high ground on the left flank of Lingayen Gulf landing, and in that area ran against the main Japanese line of defenses. In the period covered by the commendation, the division reported killing more than one half the total enemy dead in the Luzon operation, and had knocked out enough Jap artillery to total 10 battalions. In the artillery both destroyed and over-run by elements of the division were guns ranging from huge 12 inch howitzers which threw projectiles weighing 1600 pounds, to small 70 mm mountain guns.

Included in the area captured by the 43rd Division were some of the most extensive defensive positions encountered in the Pacific war to date. On Hill 355 alone, some four miles from the beach-head—the Japs had vaults, caves and tunnels which would hold an entire division, and was similar to the Maginot line on a smaller scale. The caverns were large enough to house stables for the horses which drew their light artillery and big tractors for hauling their heavier guns, in addition to literally thousands of personnel.

In the commendation General Swift said, "I desire to commend you and all the officers and enlisted men of the 43rd Infantry Division for the outstanding success you have attained during the current operation. I have been highly impressed with the skillful leadership, the spirit, determination and aggressiveness displayed by all individuals and organizations. The ability of your command to adapt themselves quickly to fighting in this type of warfare after so many months of jungle fighting indicates to me the highest professional attainments by you and all the sub-

ordinate leaders in your division. "Each of your regiments has distinguished itself to the extent that no particular one may be commended above the others. The 172nd in its rapid advance to the high ground in the difficult terrain north of Pozorrubio; and the 169th in making an advance in which the killing of 2240 of the enemy by actual count for a loss of only 176 of its own men killed bears witness to the ground covered and the ferocity of their fight—all these required the utmost in skill and will to fight.

"I am proud of your division and I know that every individual in it is proud to belong to it."

ARMY AND NAVY NURSES RED CROSS RECRUITS

The American Red Cross between January, 1941, and December, 1944, has recruited 59,271 trained registered nurses for the Army and Navy. That is one reason why American soldiers and sailors are receiving the best medical care in the world.

To continue this recruitment service and carry on all its other activities for servicemen, the American Red Cross needs \$200,000,000. This is being raised in March. Let's all contribute.

LEGION AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY SUPPER

The American Legion was guests of the Auxiliary at the Birthday Supper held at the Legion Rooms March 13. A beautifully decorated birthday cake made by Mrs. Wallace Clarke was presented the Commander of the American Legion.

Following the supper the regular meeting of the Auxiliary was held. It was reported another quilt had been finished and sold. It was voted to give money to the Red Cross. An application for membership was accepted. The next meeting will be March 27 at the Legion rooms.

BETHEL TOWN OFFICERS

In last week's Citizen it was stated that the officers were reelected, which was not wholly true, and the list of officers was not printed. Rodney Howe, who served as third selectman last year, was not a candidate and J. C. Bartlett was elected. Officers chosen were:

Moderator—Fred B. Merrill
Clerk—Alice J. Brooks
Selectmen—Ernest F. Bisbee, Carroll B. Abbott, J. C. Bartlett
Treasurer—John M. Harrington
Collector—Walter E. Bartlett
School Committee for three years—Earl A. Davis
Road Com.—B. P. Brown

SENIOR PLAY READY FOR ITS PUBLIC

On Friday evening, the Gould Academy Seniors will present their annual three act play under Mr. Thompson's direction. This year's comedy, JUNIOR MISS, promises a surplus of laughs, and advance ticket sales prophesy a full house of students, parents and townspeople. The cast includes four Bethel girls: Barbara Wilson, who plays the lead; Judy Graves, who gets into plenty of hot water; Katherine Kallous, who is her "bosom friend"; Mary Lou Chapman, who does an excellent characterization as Judy's mother; and Dorothy York as a young woman emerging from the domination of her father.

The curtain rises promptly at eight, after the overture by the Academy orchestra under Miss Griggs' direction. Tickets for late purchases may be obtained at the school office, or at the door on the evening of the performance.



Pvt. Delma Ross of the U. S. M. C., formerly of Newry, has completed her training at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and has been transferred to Parris Island, S. C.

Captain James Lassiter, Company L, 134 Infantry, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Major General Paul W. Bander, Commanding General of the 35th Division. The citation reads in part: "For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Normandy, France."

Sgt. Shirley D. Gilbert, U. S. M. C. son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert of West Bethel, has been wounded in the Pacific area. Sgt. Gilbert is a member of the Fourth Division which has been engaged on Iwo Jima. He was wounded in action on Saipan last year. His brother, Sgt. Arthur Gilbert, is with the Army in Iran.

Sgt. Carl Tucker of Mechanic Falls is receiving treatment at the Port Wright Convalescent Hospital in Washington State. Sgt. Tucker is a graduate of Gould Academy and entered the service, July 16, 1940 and has seen three years overseas service with the 26th Bomber Squadron, Seventh Air Force.

Ensign Glendon McAllister is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milo McAllister at Gil-lead.

FARM WAGE COMMITTEE TO MEET MARCH 26

There will be a meeting of the Oxford County Farm Wage Committee on Monday, March 26 at 1:30 P. M. in the Farm Bureau Office in South Paris.

The purpose of this meeting will be to talk over the farm wage situation in the county at the present time and to arrive at figures which the farmers should pay for help and especially to establish a standard average wage which year round farm workers should receive in return for their services.

All persons who have an interest in this matter are invited to attend this meeting and comments which may be helpful to the purpose of the meeting will be welcomed.

Persons unable to attend the meeting and wishing to present information regarding this matter may send the information by letter to Laurence Marston, Emergency Farm Labor Assistant, South Paris, Maine, and if received before noon on March 26 will be presented at the meeting.

METHODIST BROTHERHOOD BOWLS AT CENTRAL ALLEYS

Followings are the results for Tuesday, March 13:

RIVERS: E. Davis, 320; R. Brooks, 522; J. Croteau, 400; C. Saunders, 244; B. York (3 strings) 183.
BROOKS: M. Brooks, 347; R. Berry, 302; C. Briggs, 386; Rev. Penner, 255; J. Davis (3 strings) 255.
STRIKES: E. Davis, 1; J. Croteau, 2; M. Brooks, 1; C. Briggs, 1; Spares—E. Davis, 2; R. Brooks, 4; J. Croteau, 4; C. Saunders, 1; B. York, 1; M. Brooks, 2; R. Berry, 1; C. Briggs, 2; Rev. Penner, 1; J. Davis, 2.

BETHEL FARM BUREAU

The Bethel Farm Bureau will hold an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Burton Abbott, Tuesday, March 20. The subject is to be "Home Made Mixes."

The dinner committee is Mrs. Edna Smith, Mrs. Leslie Poore and Mrs. Royal Tadeson. This meeting is open for any who are not members to attend. The Civilian Service Corps will present certificates. Anyone planning to attend please notify the dinner committee.

EASTER SEALS HELP TO AID CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Announcement that Mrs. C. F. Saunders, Bethel had accepted the chairmanship of the annual Easter seal sale for Bethel, Gilad, Greenwood, Woodstock, was made today.

The Easter seal sale, which is put on annually to finance the program of the organization, is sponsored by Pine Tree Society of Maine for Crippled Children every year during the month preceding Easter.

In accepting the chairmanship, Mrs. C. F. Saunders stressed the importance of intensifying the efforts of voluntary organizations in the field of social welfare.

Others on the committee who will put him in a job for which he is not equipped both physically and mentally, he may quite innocently sabotage the productive effort rather than help it, and equally bad, he may crack up physically and become a burden rather than an asset to the community.

"If we put a physically handicapped worker on a job that he can do and do well, the result will be that his physical condition will remain satisfactory and he will continue to make a contribution to the nation's welfare.

On the other hand, if we recklessly put him in a job for which he is not equipped both physically and mentally, he may quite innocently sabotage the productive effort rather than help it, and equally bad, he may crack up physically and become a burden rather than an asset to the community.

The Society is making an effort to cooperate with all agencies, both public and private, to exploit to the full the community resources for the proper placement of the crippled and disabled in the remunerative jobs and called attention to the needs of maintaining mutual contact between these agencies and the representatives of industry.

CROP AND FEED LOANS AVAILABLE TO FARMERS

Emergency crop and feed loan application blanks are now available. Howard C. Hammond, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at P. O. 1549, Hallowell, Maine, states that farmers who have insufficient collateral to obtain loans from a local bank or production credit association, or whose operations are not of sufficient size to make it practical to borrow there, can apply.

Four per cent loans based on the prospective crop acreage or on the number of head of livestock to be fed, can be arranged for during the late winter. After a loan has been approved, the writing of the loan check can be postponed until the funds are wanted. Interest is charged only from the day the funds are written. Thus the farmer can make early plans for his spring work with the assurance that funds will be available when needed.

Such loans are based upon the ability to produce. In line with the policy of past years they do not exceed an amount which the farmer can, under normal conditions, repay from the current year's operations.

Interested farmers should contact Mr. Hammond. If by letter, he will inform them where and when they can make application in their own communities.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

D. Grover Brooks was in Lewiston Tuesday.

Jesse Doyen of Portland is spending this week at his home in town.

Mrs. Grace MacFarlane of Newton, Mass., is spending this week in town.

Mrs. Parker Conner was slightly injured when the truck she was driving turned over on the Locke Mills road Friday evening.

Mrs. Viola Lord is having a vacation home at the Telephone office and is visiting in Portland with her daughter, Miss Alena Lord.

Mrs. Richard Young entertained Saturday evening at her home in honor of Mr. Young's birthday. A social evening with games was enjoyed with refreshments served. Mr. Young was presented with gifts from the group. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young, Mrs. Prentiss Clark, Terley Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Chapman, Mrs. Sidney Dyke, Mrs. Custer Quimby and Mr. and Mrs. Young.

The Bethel P. T. A. met Monday evening at the Grammar school. The P. T. A. voted to donate \$10 to the Red Cross Drive. Committees for the April meeting were: Miss Carrie Wright, Mrs. Harry M. Wilson and Mrs. William Chapman.

Miss Wright gave a short talk on Importance of Cooperation between the teachers and parents and urged the parents to visit school more. Rev. John J. Foster reviewed a chapter from the book "The Test of a Man's World." A piano solo by Jerry Davis and vocal selections by Mary Gibbs accompanied by Miss Ann Griggs completed the program.

Corporation Increases Pay ---To Buy Rowe Property

In the annual meeting which was held Monday evening the voters of Bethel Village Corporation boosted the pay of the officers of the Corporation and members of the Fire Department to meet present conditions and voted increases in appropriations to meet these higher costs and other expenses. Charles Freeman was chosen first Assessor to succeed Carl Brown, and all other officials were returned for this year.

The attendance of about 50 was doubtless attracted by the question of increased pay which took up six articles of the warrant. Article VI of the Corporation By-Laws was repealed and portions of Rules 1 and 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Fire Department were struck out, which fixed the rates of pay. Higher rates were then set as follows: First Assessor, changed from \$50 to \$100 a year; Second Assessor, from \$7 to \$50; Third Assessor, from \$5 to \$50; Chief Engineer, from \$100 to \$150; with pay for each fireman, \$2 for chimney fires, other fires \$1 for first hour, additional hours \$5 cents.

The matter of lighting the dark spots on the streets was discussed but no action was taken. It appeared that the lights now in use are of as high power as have ever been used, and the poorly lighted sections now becoming more noticeable are only the result of use of new poles in changed spacing. Prices were not available for cost of using brighter lights in present locations and it seemed that the best solution is to have a general relocation later.

The appropriation for Police was brought up to \$500 after a discussion of local conditions, and the Assessors were authorized to make necessary arrangements. Amounts raised for the Miscellaneous and Fire Department accounts were increased \$200 each on account of the pay increases. The skating rink appropriation went up \$100 so that if possible the grounds can be graded with gravel and give a longer skating season.

The purchase of the Rowe's store property was decided upon and it was voted to draw not over \$1000 from the general fund to pay for it. This is in line with the hopes of the Fire Department to have a fireproof building on that location sometime. The Corporation decided to take \$500 from the Hose fund for purchase of hose.

With the several increased appropriations the amounts total about \$750 less than last year, so that even with an anticipated lower valuation the tax rate will be lower than before.

OFFICERS

Moderator—Fred B. Merrill
Clerk—D. Grover Brooks
Assessors—Charles J. Freeman, Arthur F. Fogg, Norman H. Hall
Treasurer—D. Grover Brooks
Tax Collector—Walter E. Bartlett, (rate .015)
Fire Engineers—Lloyd E. Luxton, Dr. E. Linwood Brown, Fred L. Douglass
Park Commissioner three years—Philip R. Burns

Appropriations	
Assessors' Account	\$500.00
Police Department	1,200.00
Police	500.00
Street Lights	1,237.50
Hydrant Rental	1,050.00
Use of Dump	120.00
Skating Rink	400.00
Abatement	44.22
Care of Parks	250.00
Total	\$5,911.78

107 OPA VIOLATORS IN MAINE LAST MONTH

The Enforcement Division of the Maine OPA has taken enforcement action in 107 cases involving violations of OPA rationing and price control regulations during February. Payments totalling \$13,891 have been made to the U. S. Treasury by 26 respondents during the month.

Armstrong revealed that enforcement action was practically doubled in February as compared to the previous month when 51 violators had action taken against them. Payments to the U. S. Treasury totaled \$1,143.99 in January.

An analysis of the cases handled by the Maine OPA Enforcement Division during February revealed that the following action was taken: injunctions, 13; treble damage actions settled, 26; treble damage actions instituted, 4; suspension orders issued, 1; license warning notices issued, 15; admonitory letters mailed, 48.

By sections in the Enforcement Division the legal actions taken were as follows: apparel and industrial materials, 48; fuel and consumer durables, 33; food, 12; rents and services, 13.

GRANGE DANCE TO AID RED CROSS

The dance sponsored by Pleasant Valley Grange usually held on Friday night, will be on Saturday night, March 17th at the Grange Hall.

The proceeds are to go to the Red Cross and all are urged to attend. This change is made on account of the Senior play at Gould Academy.

MRS. J. B. CHAPMAN

Eva A. Chapman, wife of Jesse B. Chapman died last Thursday afternoon at the C. M. G. Hospital in Lewiston, where she had been a patient since Dec. 2.

Mrs. Chapman was born in North Newry Dec. 19, 1893, the daughter of James C. and Lillia E. Kilgore Thompson.

Surviving are her husband, J. B. Chapman of Bethel, two daughters, Mrs. Perley Brown of Portland and Mary Lou, a student at Gould Academy; five sons, Carl E. James of Berlin, N. H., Harold James of Hartford, Conn., Everett James of Bethel, N. H., Rodney and Dana in armed forces overseas and ten grandchildren.

She also leaves four sisters and five brothers, Mrs. Sadie Allen of Bethel, Mrs. Mabel Bryant of Norway, Mrs. Lena Brackett of Natick, Mass., Mrs. Ruth Cates, Hartford, Conn.; Leslie Thompson, Bethel; Pon Thompson, U. S. N.; Edward Thompson, Belfast, P. E. I.; Ray Thompson, Natick, Mass. and Ernest Brinck of Lisbon Falls, Maine; also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were preached at the Congregational Church by Rev. J. J. Foster and burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

To her family, her friends and her saddened neighbors this fine woman will be more than a living and glowing memory. Her brave heart and indomitable will were of a quality that does not perish. She was a neighbor in the broadest sense of the word, quick to respond to the distress of any or all and the first with a smile of sympathy to share good news.

All children knew and loved her for her friendly interest in their problems and joys. Her small grand children were a source of pride and pleasure to her and only last fall when pain was her constant companion she was happy in knitting gifts for them.

Her life was devoted and unselfish. Thriftless in her energy, she thought only of working for those whom she loved. The love and appreciation of her husband, her children and her brothers and sisters made her life full and complete.

In her association with her husband at their place of business she made only friends of the many she served. One and all the neighborhood and townspeople will miss her.

Kind, gentle thought
Was warp and woof of which her life was wrought.
She is not dead, Such souls forever live
In boundless measure in the love they give.

FEBRUARY MAKES BEST BOND SALES

Maine during February made its best record for the sale of Series E, F, and G Bonds since the Maine War Finance Committee was established. State Headquarters for this U. S. Treasury program announced.

With a total quota of \$3,500,000 assigned, final sales are reported as follows: E Bonds, \$2,000,587; F Bonds, \$50,578; and G Bonds, \$1,821,600.

This total of \$3,892,865 represents a 140% sale of these issues.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our gratitude to the many friends and neighbors whose expressions of sympathy have helped us in the recent loss of a very dear one. The many flowers were deeply appreciated.

J. B. Chapman,
family and relatives

ERNIE PYLE



Pulitzer Prize Winner Writes For This Paper

Ernie Pyle's column is tops because he gets right down to the foxholes with the boys at the front and tells how they are taking it. He digs up just the kind of news the folks back home want to get.

Read Ernie Pyle's famous column now—

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Floods Peril War Industries; Axis Losses Heavy as Allies Batter Enemies' Inner Defenses

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

FLOOD:

Rampaging Rivers

Spilling over their banks to inundate thousands of low-lying acres and settlements, rampaging rivers created one of the greatest flood dangers in recent years all the way from Pennsylvania to Mississippi, seriously threatening war industries in their path.

With the flood stage already surpassed at the juncture of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers in Pittsburgh, swirling waters rolled down the Ohio, further fed by swollen tributaries from surrounding states. As waters lapped at its 62-foot floodwall, broken before in 1937 and 1937, the important manufacturing center of Portsmouth, Ohio, lay imperiled, as did Frankfort, Kentucky's capital.

As the danger mounted, people were removed from the low-lying flatlands, and emergency Red Cross and other disaster relief stations attended to the distressed. No less than six persons were drowned in the early stages of the flood, and many thousands were homeless.

PACIFIC:

Crush Japs

Fighting no open action, but rather putting up stiff albeit futile resistance from both natural and fortified strongpoints, the Japs have lost heavily in the Philippine and Iwo Jima campaigns.

Latest count of enemy dead on Luzon showed over 90,000, which when coupled with an estimated 125,000 killed on Leyte, brought total Jap losses to over 215,000. The rapid advance of the Yanks despite the stubborn opposition indicated the difficulties of defenders to hold strongpoints against superior and well equipped forces capable of powerful outflanking action.

By General MacArthur's count, the Japs still have some 60,000 troops on Luzon, cooped in the northeastern corner of the island and east of Manila. It was against



Shocked by enemy shell that fell near his position on Iwo Jima, stricken marine is escorted to rear by two comrades.

these remnants that MacArthur moved, with the U. S. air force hampering enemy maneuvers behind their lines and the powerful American fleet also standing by to smash any evacuation attempts.

To the 215,000 lost in the Philippines, the Japs could add over another 12,000 killed on Iwo Jima by a battle-hardened marine force that had a terrific fight on its hands from the moment it landed on the tiny stepping-stone to Tokyo to seize vital air fields.

ARMY YOUTH:

Policy Explained

With public interest centered in the use of 18-year-olds at the front, Secretary of War Henry Stimson declared that the urgent need of replacements dictated their dispatch to the war zones, but only after they had received intensive training both here and at overseas posts.

Originally, Stimson said, the army avoided using the youngest men by drawing upon older troops in divisions and replacing them with new inductees or returning vets. When overseas demands quickened, however, the army abandoned this policy for the use of more youthful troops conditioned by a program of rigorous training worked out as a result of experience over the last four years.

"Before any man is sent overseas," Stimson said, "he is submitted to a thorough test to assure that he has assimilated his training and is in fact prepared for combat duty."

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN

You have 1 chance in 14 of being injured in an accident during 1945! That's the mathematical probability advanced by the National Safety Council for the occurrence of disabling injuries.

If you live on a farm, you're lucky! The farm is the safest place to live, the chance of injury being 1 in 18, while for non-farm people the chance is 1 in 13. Farm workers, however, have a 1 in 36 chance on the job, the council reported in its study.

DIPLOMACY:

Peace Plan

Because the employment of economic sanctions or force would require the full cooperation of the U. S., Britain, Russia, China and France to be effective, the unanimous vote of all five would be necessary to suppress an aggressor under machinery for a postwar peace organization worked out by the Big Three at Yalta. Meeting at San Francisco, April 25, 44 United Nations will consider final approval of the organization conceived at Dumbarton Oaks.

Approved at the insistence of Russia, the provision would give to any of the Big Five, as permanent members of the executive council of eleven, the right to pass upon the use of either economic or military measures against themselves in the event they were accused of trespassing upon their neighbors.

Before the question of economic or military sanctions arose, however, the executive council could consider charges of aggression against any major power without the latter's interference, and recommend procedure for peacefully settling the dispute.

New Doctrine

In what Sen. Tom Connally (Texas) called a new Monroe Doctrine backed by all of the Americas instead of just the U. S., 20 republics in the western hemisphere agreed to the mutual protection of frontiers and political independence in the postwar period.

Though enforcement of the principles was left to be geared to the machinery worked out at the United Nations' San Francisco parley, the agreement took effect immediately through President Roosevelt's war power to order U. S. troops anywhere needed to promote the Allies' cause.

Known as the Act of Chapultepec, the agreement climaxed the Pan-American conference at Mexico City, another highlight of which was the consideration of an economic charter calling for the development of freer trade and increased industrialization of South America in the postwar period.

RFC CHIEFTAIN:

Vinson Named

To 55-year-old Economic Stabilizer Fred M. Vinson was scheduled to go the management of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and its numerous agencies following its divorce from the department of commerce when President Roosevelt named Henry A. Wallace to head the latter.

Fred Vinson

Important figure in the fight to keep the RFC's vast lending and management powers out of Wallace's hands, former RFC chieftain Jesse Jones supported Vinson's nomination, declaring that he has had both the legislative and practical experience to handle the big agency. Jones' praise of the economic stabilizer and former congressman and judge was echoed in the senate by Democrats and Republicans alike.

Opposition to Wallace handling RFC funds centered in the belief that he would use the RFC's vast lending and plant management powers in a government program to provide postwar employment.

MINERS:

New Demands

With the government committed to the retention of the Little Steel formula limiting basic wage increases to 15 per cent of the January, 1941, level, and with his United Mine Workers already having received the allowable boost, John L. Lewis took a different tack in his negotiations with coal operators for a new contract.

Instead of coming out for flat wage increases, wily John L. called for so-called "fringe" allowances, representing pay adjustments for new working conditions. In this respect, the UMW chieftain asked for the seven hour day, with time and a half beyond that or 35 hours a week; 10 cents an hour more for the second shift and 15 cents for the third, and an increase in vacation pay from \$50 to \$100 in lieu of time off.

In addition, Lewis demanded a royalty of 10 cents on every ton of coal to build up a \$50,000,000 medical and rehabilitation fund for UMW members and joint effort by the union and companies to eliminate substandard housing and sanitary conditions in some mining communities.

HOME CANNING

With sugar supplies showing the pinch of a long war, a tightened home canning sugar program for 1945 is in order to insure a fair distribution of sugar to those who actually need it for canning, and to avoid the over-issuance of home canning sugar which occurred last year, OPA announced.

This year sugar for home canning will be obtained by filling out provided application forms, with the allotment based on actual needs, it was reported.

Washington Digest

Yanks Fight Way Down Fairy-Like Moselle Valley

Patton's Troops Push Along Old Roman Pathways in Land of Forest, Lake And Ancient Turreted Castles.

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

American history, I believe, has begun to repeat itself as the Allies start to write the last chapter of the European war.

By the time this is in print I hope General Patton's boys (the Third army), pushing down the winding valley of the Moselle river, have captured or at least invested Trier, key city of the defenses of the Elif. As they progress across those ancient highways or down the deep valley of the twisting Moselle river where Roman legions, equally as homesick, once marched in the opposite direction, they will be reenacting the steps of the victorious American army which moved eastward to the Rhine in the last war. Then as now, it was the American Third army which occupied the ancient city of Trier at the close of 1918. It left in 1923.

I may be wrong in my premonition, but I believe that this approach to the Rhine, which only an American army ever used to enter Germany as victors, will be the thoroughfare of the victors of 1945.

This country of the "Elif," north of the Moselle and west of the Rhine, is of particular interest to me for I have invaded it twice, peacefully to be sure; both times before World War I.

Secluded Villages

Sprinkle Countryside

The Elif is a stretch of terrain of volcanic origin, of some bare and bleak hills and some tiny, secluded villages. It is also a country of towns on beautiful lakes and rivers, in valleys with the terraced "morningside" (where the sun touches first) on which vineyards have grown since the Romans first planted them in the early centuries before Christ.

Part of the Elif was "remote" even when I visited it. On the modern highways, many of which follow the old Roman routes, there were resorts favored by tourists. But there were lonely villages which breathed an age forgotten by the "modern" Germany of 1912 when I first saw them. There were tall, craggy crowned by the ruins of medieval monasteries and castles, there were quaint and comfortable inns, there were meandering mountain paths, walled by thick fir trees beneath which I slept in my "Judenfabrik" cape, resting on a thousand year old mist of pine-needles, dream-land of goblins and kobolds.

In a moment I'll take you up to see an enchanted castle that might have come straight out of a Maxfield Parrish painting or an illustration from Grimm or Andersen.

But now, let's get back to March, 1945.

As this is written the fighting has been along the western rim of the Elif, which is really the western rim of the German frontier from south of the River Roer to the city of Trier. Trier is 69 miles from Coblenz on the Rhine.

The fighting has consisted of the parallel advance of columns along a 50-mile wide front. Patrols first move into the hills overlooking the valley villages. They secure the high points so their artillery can dominate valleys, up which the infantry advances on the villages which are its objectives, protected by the artillery in the hills.

It must be remembered that all along the German frontier stretches the Siegfried line. Therefore, the Americans have to advance against its fortifications and will have to do so perhaps halfway to the Rhine. This means that pillboxes and other fortifications have to be taken as the Americans advance.

Tanks cannot be used in this rough country. It is the old-fashioned, catch-as-catch-can fighting, with rifles, grenades, dynamite, flame-throwers and hand grenades.

Rugged Terrain Calls

For Close-Up Battle

In these early stages of the American push the fighting has been in sharp contrast to the First army's move along the Roer river toward and into the Cologne plain. Once the Roer was bridged and tanks could cross, armor could come to the aid of the doughboys who were scrapping it out in the villages.

BARBS . . . by Baukhage

A broadcast from Tokyo said that the Japanese fleet would be only too glad to grapple with the American navy. Sounds like grapple-sauce to us.

You will be glad to learn that a children's music school has been opened in Novgorod, Russia, with classes in piano, violin and accordion.

and towns where each house was a fort. On the flat plain the use of armor is an advantage, but in hilly country, once possession of the heights is gained, artillery can dominate the objectives below toward which the foot-soldiers are moving.

There are plains in the Elif, too, but it would seem that the chief arteries of advance would be along the valleys and the roads the Romans once used in their advance in the opposite direction.

It was westward, the course of Caesar moved when he conquered the Treveri, the tribe from which Trier (Treves in French) gets its name. The Roman legions marched in 56 B. C. By 14 B. C. they were fortifying Trier. Today the famous, blackened height of the Porta Negri, the city's Roman gateway, has been bastioned with modern fortifications. The ancient brick basilica in the town and the renaissance fountain (Petersbrunnen) will be remembered by thousands of American veterans of the last war. Trier, seat of the electorate, became a center of monastic learning in the Middle Ages.

Let us hope some of the landmarks will be preserved and when our bombers smash the bridge across the Moselle, the ancient buttresses remain intact as they have these two thousand years. Perhaps they won't have to be bombed, but rather the destruction of buttresses than one American life. Remember what Bismarck (of all people) once said of a piece of foreign soil: "A square foot of it was not worth the bones of a single Pomeranian Grenadier."

In the hope that our men can march the rest of the valley unmolested as their fathers did, let's turn up the valley where the Elif river pours into the Moselle not far from the Rhine.

(I quote from my diary, April 2, 1912.)

"We started out on foot, the only means of locomotion . . . the old village with its plaster houses, the crooked, cobbled street, the old trees and the church, older than the trees . . . along the meadows, past the mill and across the stream and the huddle of houses which cluster about it, up the enchanting valley wooded with beech and birch, the hurrying Elif below, and the green meadows, underfoot the brown leaves that fell last fall and will lie like those beneath them undisturbed until the ones still green cover them. Down a dip in the path and across a stream until the somber ruins of Trier appear. (Trotz means against.) It is the relic of a fruitless effort to destroy the real castle of Elif below. Moat, tower and buttress were built with the sole purpose of destroying a rival, just as the modern artillery seeks to take the height to destroy those below."

"Then up the path until suddenly, as if the ascent were planned by the architect who built the poem in stone below, the fairy castle of Burg Eltz, turret and tower, pinnacle, portal and drawbridge appear."

That is the end of the quote, as we say on the radio. May it be the beginning of new dreams of a more glorious world, of which some day the valley of the Moselle will be a part.

The deaths of many semi-prominent Nazis, notices of which are appearing in the German papers (one man died at two different places on two different dates) are taken to mean that the alleged late and unlamented gentlemen have either escaped to neutral countries with a new identity or have become someone else at home.

However, it is also pointed out by persons familiar with conditions in Germany that it is highly probable that a number of real deaths which are unreported are likewise taking place. In the first place, the concentrated Allied bombing on localities where high officials congregate (Berchtesgaden and Nuernburg) is bound to catch somebody some time. In addition, various "inside jobs" are probably getting rid of a number of persons.

Negroes constituted almost one-tenth of all the employees on the federal payroll as of March 1, 1944. However, they were disproportionately concentrated in the lower grades.

Explosive Ben Marsh, secretary of the radical People's lobby, calls the Yalta conference "a compromise with intelligence" and says that "only ignoramuses of the New Deal and the Old Deal can see much but a threat of World War III in its cyclical." Conservative David Lawrence also dislikes the Yalta decisions. Which leaves the middle-of-the-roads fairly happy.

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USELESS COWBOY

By ALAN LeMAY W.W.U. SERVICE



THE STORY THUS FAR: Melody Jones and his side-kicker George Fury, in crossing the plains near the border took the wrong trail and ended in Payneville, a cow town, where the wagon route west from Diamond Forks to California crossed the river. Fury hit the first bar, while Melody wandered down the street, his eyes on the first white woman he had seen for ages. Two men were standing in front of the general store, one whistled at the girl. In a flare of temper Melody knocked the whistler down. Melody was more surprised than the stranger, and helping the man up asked him "How come, your foot slip?" Melody then entered the general store to buy food.

CHAPTER II

In the brief seconds while he had the fellow out of action, he was able to snatch a glance at the shorter man. This other one had jumped away from the wall, to be out of the line of fire. He was talking now, quick and low, through a tight throat, with lips that hardly moved. "Don't, Ira—easy, Ira—look out, Ira—"

But while he talked to Ira he was looking at Melody Jones; and the astounded fixity of his eyes was nothing like anybody had favored Jones with before.

Melody's eyes snapped back to the man he was holding on to for the love of life, and they looked into each other's faces at a distance of five inches and a half. At this range Melody noticed for the first time that the man was cross-eyed.

"I didn't say nothing, or do nothing," Ira said now, without any expression.

Suddenly Melody Jones realized he had hold of a man who was in fear of his life.

Melody eased back, relaxing slowly. Before he let go altogether he let his right hand fall on the butt of his own forty-five, in the forward pocket of his chaps, as if just to rest his hand. A fast man could still have got him handily, but probably wouldn't try.

Looking steadily at each other the two edged apart with casual, furtive shufflings, circling a little, Ira toward the gallery steps. As the inches between them increased, the man called Ira no longer appeared cross-eyed; he looked competent again.

"I'll stand a drink," he said. Slow thinking saved Melody, then. In a moment he would have said, "What? What did you say?"

But as the seconds ticked away, and still nothing in Melody's head found its way into words, time and tension were too much for the other man.

"No offense," he said, with the dust heavy in his throat. "Any time. Any time at all . . ."

Melody surprised himself again. "Keep the slack out of your rope, from here in," he said, his voice flat. "And don't whistle no tunes at other men's girls."

Anger jumped into the stranger's eyes, like a flash of gunpowder, scaring the living daylight out of Melody again. For one short moment he thought that the incredible miracle which had saved his life was about to run out.

Over the door he saw the crude board sign that had been there long before slow prosperity built the wooden awning above it:

Payneville
Gen'l Store
Peter Abajian

"So that's where I am . . ." He walked into the cool shadows within. His shoulders rose stiffly as he pulled down his vest—a cowhide vest with more than twenty cattle brands burned on it, showing where all he had been.

Deep back in the dim interior the little proprietor put up his hands. Peter Abajian was behind a counter, and flanked by hangings of blue jeans, stable forks, dried stock-fish, sheepskin coats, and Navajo saddle blankets. His round cheeks, always apparently blown full of wind, shone like billiard balls. His buffalo-horn mustache quivered, and his eyes were like agates.

Melody looked at him curiously. He had never seen people act like these people acted. His eyes left the storekeeper to run along the canned-goods shelves. He hadn't told the man to put his hands down, but after a moment the corner of his eye caught their wary motion as they descended. Melody jerked his head around, and the hands flew up again.

He tried this several times more, experimentally making sure that he was the one who controlled this thing. He stole a look at the street, and saw that it was empty.

"One can tomatoes," Melody said. Peter Abajian set it out, and stood watching Melody unhappily. Melody was thinking. He knew he didn't have any money. What blistered Melody was that he had saved his money for nearly three years, planning one magnificent bust some day, and he had built up nearly seventy-six dollars. And then he had lost it—not in a card game, not in any particular way—just plainly lost it, out of his pocket, or something, some place. He and George Fury had argued many a mile over who had seen it last, and what happened to it. All they knew about it was that it was gone.

Now, after a month of bean diet, Melody was asking himself if canned goods were worth getting in trouble

for. He decided that they were. At worst, the cooking at the jail ought to compare favorably to George Fury's. "One can peaches," Melody went on, "one can pork beans, one can pears, one can plum pudding, and another can tomatoes."

"Yes, sir!" Peter Abajian moved with alacrity now, but kept his hands fluttering in view. "All in a nice gunny sack, maybe?"

"Eat 'em here."

Sitting on the counter, eating his cool wet canned goods, Melody Jones tried to fit himself into a world that was like a dream.

A slouching cowboy with a saddened, sandy mustache came in and pawed around in a box of harness buckles near the door. He kept sneaking glances at Melody over his shoulder. Then he realized that Melody was staring at him. He turned suddenly confused, and pattered out of there.

"What the hell goes on here?" Melody said aloud.

The storekeeper's hands started up again, but he stopped them. He smiled at Melody in a sickly way, without meeting his eyes.

It was time to face the issue. Melody supposed he ought to glare at the storekeeper, but he couldn't make it. He studied the side of his boot as he said, "How much?"

The words came out in a thin squeak, so that he had to try again; but he managed to get a good harsh growl the second time.

"Nothing!" The little storekeeper said instantly, even eagerly. "It's a pleasure. Nothing at all."

"What?"

"It's free," Peter Abajian said quickly. "All free to a nice gentleman like you."

Then Melody saw the girl again. She walked along the gallery of the store from the steps at the end. She passed the door very slowly, looking in as she passed. There was



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something both tense and lazy, very proud, in her straight-kneed step, impossible to forget. He could see that there were straw-dull finger-curls, loose and carelessly kept, down the sides of her face. But against the eye-knocking white blaze of the street her face was in shadow. He couldn't see it at all.

After putting Melody out of his mind, George Fury rolled stiffly, hoop-legged, into the First Chance Bar.

Inside the door he came to a stop with a waspish dignity, and gave the conventional hitch to his breeches, while his eyes accustomed themselves to the shade. What he saw was the usual barroom, with a stuffed squirrel at one end of the back bar and a stuffed owl at the other end; and the bar itself so battered and scraped down that it had a sway-backed look. The oak foot-rail was worn half through.

"Where am I?" George asked. The two cowmen looked at George Fury; then, with considerable deliberation, they looked at each other, their faces unreadable as sourdough bricks. Presently both looked at the bartender, who washed glasses in a bucket and minded his own business. And finally they turned to George again.

"This yere's Payneville," said the man addressed, with constraint. George Fury took a deep breath, and his Adam's apple jumped. "Painful," he snapped. "What's painful?"

"This yere is," the other said. George looked both men over with angry care. The guns they wore looked well-oiled, their holsters well-soaped and well-used. He was aching for trouble, made irritable by the dust in his throat and the strangeness here. But George Fury had a poor opinion of his gunplay. Rheumatism in his fingers had made it as inept as Melody's own.

So he only walked past them now, but slowly, stiff-legged, like a bristling dog. "O-o-oh," he said half

to himself, but in a tone of sarcastic insult. "Painful, is it?"

"Right—Payneville!"

George Fury snorted like a jumped buck, but he knew he had said enough. He took up a stand, well down the bar.

"Forty-rod," he told the bartender. "From the bar'l with the snake-hair in it."

The bartender set out bottle and glass with the relaxed impersonality of practice. "How long," he spoke to George Fury courteously, "how long you been in Payne?"

George choked explosively in the middle of his first gulp. He slapped his glass down on the bar with such a ringing crack that the whisky jumped clean clear of the rim, then sloshed back in again.

When George lost his temper his dialect changed, slipping back to the far hills of his youth. "Naow, yew look yare!" he spluttered, his voice up an octave. "If yew fellers can't answer a civius question civlous, yew anyways don't need to git new! I don't aim to stand fer it!"

The bartender looked at him tiredly. He was used to men with sun-sore nerves, drunken at that. He shrugged and went back to his glasses.

A pale, heavy man, six feet tall in Comanche moccasins, had come forward from a back table. He stood looking at George with small eyes without eyebrows, from a distance of about a foot.

And now as he stood there George Fury became aware that some new public affliction was building itself. Men were trickling into the First Chance by twos and threes. A dozen had wandered in; the bar was well filled. These men were cowmen, passing through or on the loaf, with a sprinkling of plains-bred townsmen who looked about the same. And all these newcomers were interested in George Fury. Low-toned informations ran along the bar, to everyone but George. Men looked him over, studying him with a strange candor he had never seen.

Somebody slapped him hard on the shoulder, and a voice said, "Howdy, Roscoe!"

George Fury turned his head slowly, his eyes alive with death; but the other had moved on. Another newcomer edged toward George along the bar.

"Did you ever find out," he asked George confidentially, "just where the hell you are?"

Once more George Fury choked on his drink, and rang the glass upon the bar. He whirled upon the stranger.

"I'll tell yew one thing, my owl-nosed friend!" he lashed out, "I ain't in pain!"

A grumble of laughter, rising to a roar, swept the barroom. George Fury looked astounded. He had realized he had a keen wit, of course, very funny, but not this funny. As the laughter held up his anger died. He stuck his tongue in his cheek, winking largely, and the laughter increased.

He spoke to them once more, when the laughter finally ebbed. "What air yew whistle-britched poop-heads laughing at?"

Another howl went up from this. Purple again, glaring glassily, George went stamping out.

At the door he turned impressively for one parting crack, and was instantly called back to the bar to pay for his drinks. Unstrung, he rang a silver dollar on the bar and got out of there, while that insane, unaccountable laughter still rang, beating him about the ears as he fled.

He could not believe what he saw then. Outside, where his pony should have stood, was empty hitch-rail.

Men properly hang for laying hands on another man's horse. Now at last George Fury's gun whipped out. The door of the First Chance was full of people watching him. George let out the rebel lung yell, and fired on them point blank.

They ducked back, laughing still, without counteraction or resentment. George Fury's bullets went no place, as far as he could tell. No windows broke, and no wood splintered. He might as well have fired straight up. Perhaps he would have gone in after them then. Perhaps he would have killed three or four of them while his lead lasted, and got himself shot down, and later hanged if he lived. But now Melody Jones was coming along the walk at his long-legged canter—the only man in the West who could spring at an easy stroll.

Jones was holleeting at him. George Fury pulled himself together and waited for reinforcements.

"Thuk, teh," said Melody Jones. "Drunk so soon. This here's disgraceful."

"Them devils stole my cayuse," George Fury said. "I aim to clear the town, and give 'er a fresh start, an' she needs it!"

"Nobody stole your moth-er old hide," Melody told him. "I taken and stuck him in the livery corral. Time, too. The old goat ain't seen hay for so long, he spooked at it. Some night you're going to ask him to balance you out of this dump on his top. I want to see your face when you find him so empty he's flat in the road like a sack. In town, you gotta keep stuffed! A hoss, or he comes unstepped!" Melody said.

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Ernie Pyle With the Navy:

B-29 Raids on Japan Prove No Easy Task for Crews

Many Perils Confront Fliers On Long Trip Back to Base

By Ernie Pyle

IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS—When you see a headline saying "Superforts Blast Japan Again," I hope you don't get the idea that Japan is being blown sky high and that she'll be bombed out of the war within another week or two.

Because that isn't the case. We are just barely starting on a program of bombing that will be long and tough. Even with heavy and constant bombings it would take years to reduce Japan by bombing alone. And our bombings are not yet heavy.

Too, we have lots of things to contend with. Distance is the main thing, and Jap fighters and ack-ack and foul weather are other things. The weather over Japan is their best defense. As one pilot jokingly suggested, "The Nips should broadcast us the weather every night, and save both themselves and us lots of trouble."

Almost the first thing the B-29 boys asked me was, "Do the people at home think the B-29s are going to win the war?"

I told them the papers played up the raids, and that many wishful thinking people felt the bombings might turn the trick. And the boys said:

"That's what we were afraid of. Naturally we want what credit we deserve, but our raids certainly aren't going to win the war."

The B-29 raids are important, just as every island taken and every ship sunk is important. But in their present strength it would be putting them clear out of proportion if you think they are a dominant factor in our Pacific war.

I say this not to belittle the B-29 boys, because they are wonderful. I say it because they themselves want it understood by the folks at home.

Return Flights Give Boys the Woollies

Their lot is a tough one. The worst part is that they're over water every inch of the way to Japan, every inch of the way back. And brother, it's a lot of water. The average time for one of their missions is more than 14 hours.

The flak and fighters over Japan are bad enough, but that tense period is fairly short. They are over the empire only from 20 minutes to an hour, depending on their target. Jap fighters follow them only about 15 minutes off the coast.

What gives the boys the woollies is "sweating out" those six or seven hours of ocean beneath them on the way back. To make it worse, it's usually at night.

Some of them are bound to be shot up, and just staggering along. There's always the danger of running out of gas, from many forms of overconsumption. If you've got one engine gone, others are liable to quit.

If anything happens, you go into the ocean. That is known as "ditching." I suppose around a B-29 base you hear the word "ditching" almost more than any other word.

"Ditching" out here isn't like "ditching" in the English channel, where your chances of being picked up are awfully good. "Ditching" out here is usually fatal.

We have set up a search and rescue system for these "ditched" fliers but still the ocean is awfully big, and it's mighty hard to find a couple of little rubber boats. The fact that we do rescue about a fifth of our "ditched" fliers is amazing to me.

Yes, that long drag back home after the bombing is a definite mental hazard, and is what eventually makes the boys sit and stare.

Maybe you've heard of the "buddy system" in the infantry. They use it in the B-29s too. For instance, if a plane is in distress on the way back and has to fall behind, somebody drops back with him to keep him company.

They've known planes to come clear home accompanied by a "buddy," and you could go so far as to say some might not have made it were it not for that extra courage given them by having company.

But the big point of the "buddy system" is that if a plane does have to ditch, the "buddy" can fix his exact position and get surface rescuers on the way.

The other morning after a mission,

Ernie Finds It's a Small World, After All

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Finally he said, "Remember the Ringitiki?"

my friend Maj. Gerald Robertson was lying in his cot resting and reminiscing, and he said:

"You feel so damn helpless when the others get in trouble. The air will be full of radio calls from those guys saying they've only got two engines or they're running short on gas."

"I've been lucky and there I'll be sitting with four engines and a thousand gallons extra of gas. I could spare any of them one engine and 500 gallons of gas if I could just get it to them. It makes you feel so damn helpless."

"I've become more confused with each story. At the end of one evening, I said, 'I can't make head nor tail out of what you've told me. I'm trying to learn about the Jap soldiers, but everything you say about them seems to be inconsistent.'"

"That's the answer," my friends said. "They are inconsistent. They do the damndest things. But they're dangerous fighters just the same."

They tell one story about a Jap officer and six men who were surrounded on a beach by a small bunch of marines.

As the marines approached, they could see the Jap giving emphatic orders to his men, and then all six bent over and the officer went along the line and chopped off their heads with his sword.

Then as the marines closed in, he stood knee-deep in the surf and beat his bloody sword against the water in a fierce gesture of defiance, just before they shot him.

What code led the officer to kill his own men rather than let them fight to the death is something only another Jap would know.

Another little story—a marine sentry walking up and down before a command post on top of a steep bluff one night heard a noise in the brush on the hillside below.

He called a couple of times, got no answer, then fired an exploratory shot down into the darkness. In a moment there was a loud explosion from below. A solitary Jap hiding down there had put a hand grenade in his chest.

Why he did that, instead of tossing it up over the bluff and getting himself a half dozen Americans is beyond an American's comprehension.

On Saipan, they tell of a Jap plane that appeared overhead one bright noonday, all alone. He obviously wasn't a photographic plane, and they couldn't figure out what he was doing.

Then something came out of the plane, and fluttered down. It was a little paper wreath, with a long streamer to it. He had flown it all the way from Japan, and dropped it "in honor of Japan's Glorious Dead" on Saipan.

We shot him down into the sea a few minutes later, as he undoubtedly knew we would before he ever left Japan. The gesture is touching—but so what?

As I've talked with marines, I've begun to get over that creepy feeling that fighting Japs is like fighting snakes or ghosts.

They are indeed queer, but they are people with certain tactics and now by much experience our men have learned how to fight them.

As far as I can see, our men are no more afraid of the Japs than they are of the Germans. They are afraid of them as any modern soldier is afraid of his foe, not because they are slippery or rattlike, but simply because they have weapons and fire them like good tough soldiers. And the Japs are human enough to be afraid of us in exactly the same way.

Some of our people over here think that, in the long run, the Japs won't take the beating the Germans have. Others think they will, and even more.

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"Oh for God's sake, of course," I said. The Ringitiki was the ship that took us from England to Africa in the fall of 1942. Colonel Griffith was in a nearby cabin on that trip and we became well acquainted. But the war is big and time flies, and you do forget.

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LOOKING AHEAD

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For Peace

Prosperity in America is the first step in the direction of a lasting peace. This prosperity ought to spread, as fast as it can, to other countries. It is in America, however, where men have the key to prosperity and the United States must lead the procession to high living standards through open competition. The only way to obtain a more abundant life, for ourselves or others.

At first thought, some people may not agree that prosperity has anything to do with peace. But they will convince themselves if they will think back. Troubles that built up to this present war were economic troubles. Hitler and Mussolini both climbed to power over ruin; ruined fortunes, ruined hopes, ruined lives. They got a following by promising people relief from misery.

Want Is Serious. People will be patient, and content themselves to wait for solutions to ordinary political problems, but they will do desperate and violent things when hungry; when their families need food. Prosperity helps to maintain peace, and as I said in the first sentence, prosperity in America is the first step. The reason is plain. Uncle Sam is the world's best customer.

When we think about the importance of the United States in world affairs, these simple figures stand out boldly: We have only 7 1/2% of the earth's population and yet we buy 40% of all the raw materials in the world from which manufactured goods are produced. When wheels are turning in America, markets get active to the four corners of the earth.

Looking to America.

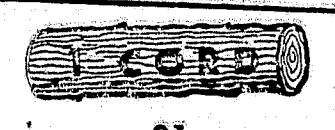
When American smokestacks are warm, and American factories hum, the tin mines of Malaya get busy, the rubber plantations of Sumatra swarm with workers, and the Caribbean countries commence shipping coffee, chicle, and bananas. Our prosperity is the world's peace. But why discuss it unless we can do something about it? I hasten to say we can!

Foreign lands prosper when they sell freely to America. They sell to America when jobs are plentiful and good here, when most Americans have money to buy what they want. Jobs are plentiful and good, and workers prosper, when business is expanding. Business expands when investors see possible returns from investments. They could see such opportunities now if they were not afraid of taxes.

Uncertainty Kills.

Very few business men in the United States have any idea today that they will be able to expand in peace-time pursuits. Most of them know they can't afford to expand if the present-day 55% excess profits tax remains in force. It was enacted as a war emergency measure. I do not say it ought to be repealed at this hour, but we ought to make certain now that it will not outlive the war.

Revenue measures are the hardest of all laws to repeal. Taxes rarely get smaller. But unless taxes on business get smaller after the war, investors would be insane to spend new billions for expansion. Business men want to plan peace-time sales and employment now. When Congress makes a reasonable tax law to become effective with victory, world peace will have its first guarantee of long life. It will have to be done this year.



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THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I see where the Old Coyote State has jumped up with Florida and Kansas, and turned out a new law where everybody there, if he chooses to work, can do so without first giving up some swag for the law. And if you don't happen to be up to snuff on nickel-lattes or have never been west of South Bend, Indiana, and still think St. Joe is out West, then I will tell you that South Dakota is the Coyote state.

The folks out there in old Co-roland are no sissies. They have handled some pretty tough homes in their day—out around the back. A walking delegate didn't give 'em quivers of the spine, so they up and outlaws the closed shop.

They are not against unions up there—they are just putting them on an equal footing with non-unions. Treating everybody equal, they say. The Governor up there is Mr. A. Q. Sharpe—and the A. Q. don't stand for Milwaukee—he ought to have a cheer, also his legislature also the Coyote citizens.

We been blaming too many of our troubles on Washington—we been skittish about fighting back—we been getting what is coming to us.

Your with the low down,
JO SERRA

Don Herold says:

We will abolish snow and ice in winter and heat in summer

CLIMATE PLANNING

This has been a bad winter. Almost every time I've gone outdoors I've suffered with cold, and I have felt that the government should do something about the climate.

It would not cost the government more than a thousand billion dollars to heat the outdoors in winter and to cool it in summer.

This would double your present income taxes for a couple of generations, but it would give millions of jobs and redistribute wealth until we'd all be broke.

Yes, I think Uncle Sam should air-condition all-outdoors and make it cozier in winter and cooler in summer—for the people.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Our raids alone certainly aren't going to win the war."—B-29 pilots in Pacific to Ernie Pyle, emphasizing hard task ahead.

"The midnight curfew looks like fool conservation rather than fuel conservation."—Raymond Moley, columnist.

"Putting a strait jacket on the free people of America by a motley crew who couldn't be elected dog-eater must be stopped!"—Congressman John Jennings, Tenn., in Washington.

"There shall never be another war, ever. We must get on the ball back home."—Letter from Lieut. A. Grimaldi, Brooklyn, later killed in action.

"If we don't get well along in world trade within 20 years, a line

DISORGANIZED UNION LABOR

By Maurice R. Franks

Editor's Note: Maurice R. Franks is a national business agent of the Railroad Yardmasters of North America, Inc. and editor of the official publication of that Union, the Railroad Workers Journal.

World history has been written so that we may benefit from the actions of predecessors. If we take the time to study this history we can profit greatly. This being the case, it would seem that the labor leaders of today should read up on the history of labor unions, and find out why the old Guild System decayed. Our unions of today are only a continuation of the Guild System. Union manœuvres lead one to believe they are traveling the identical path, a path which will eventually lead to destruction.

When the Guilds came into being, their aims and objectives were for the betterment of those who had to toil for existence. They threw the gates wide open, enabling the workers of that time to take advantage of those aims and objectives. As long as this principle was adhered to, they flourished. But, when our present day unions, they created a "Royal Family" from within and operated only for the benefit of this royalty.

Initiation fees were boosted to a prohibitive point and, like today, those who could not afford to pay the tribute were not accorded the right to work as decent humans. Corruption, degeneration and quarrels among the Guilds finally wrecked them. Today some of our labor leaders are preaching the doctrine that all workers must be unionized and yet through their steady system of exclusionary fees, have put up a barrier stopping many workers from becoming unionized.

If unions expect to live they must recognize and take advantage of the inevitable mistakes and build a movement beneficial to all those who must labor, and beneficial also to employers and the general public. As it stands today, the worker is "damned if he does and damned if he doesn't" join a labor union.

Some unions today demand such outrageous initiation fees that unemployed workers find it impossible to join. If members of the union, and if they take work without benefit of unionism, they are classed as "scabs."

"The inconsistency of today's unions is bringing them closer to their own destruction than any other force. The monetary end of unionism must become secondary and workers must be encouraged into financial circumstances. To say that potential members should be assessed for the cost of the fruits of unionism, is to admit that unionism is mercenary. It is not the workers' fault that laws have not always been in force that give them the right to take advantage of collective bargaining through unionism.

The present House of Labor is to avoid destruction, it must open up its doors to all workers, regardless of craft or industry, irrespective of financial ability, and welcome into its House all those who must toil.

The unions must become democratic; they cannot live when there is a division within the ranks such as we have today with the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations. This division is simply a fight between the "Royal Families." It is high time for the "scabs" to demand an end to this condition; an end of this unnecessary and un-American, demagogic leadership which if allowed to continue, will bring the inevitable result of DISORGANIZED UNION LABOR.

Up for World War III by that time will have become evident."—Pres. Ira Mosher, Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers advocating tariff adjustments to expand world trade.

"Lots of times women think more of their dogs than of their husbands."—State Sen. Peyton Hawes Ala, favoring law to bar pets from hotels.

HANOVER

Correspondent—Mrs. W. W. Worcester

Mrs. Freeman Ellingwood left Wednesday of last week to join her husband in Fort Meade, Md. Frank Morrison of Portland was in town last week.

Mrs. Marjorie Cummings has been at Bethel several days to assist her sister, Mrs. Lena Wright, who fell and broke her arm recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Mills of Norway spent the week end with Mrs. Mabel Worcester.

Willis Penney finished work Saturday for the Stowell company. They finished hauling this week some over 1100 cords of pulp and birch.

Mrs. Alice Staples has gone to Locke Mills to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Florence Rand.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Russell were in Bethel Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Hopkins, State Nurse, was working in town Monday.

Mrs. Isabel Croote is soliciting for the Red Cross fund in town.

Among those who enjoyed a picnic at the Bean Pot Camp Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Parker Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Croote, Herbert Young, John Forbes, Mrs. Condy, Ralph Richardson and Ned and Linda.

Mrs. Agnes Chase is ill with an abscess on her lung.

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE

and Vicinity

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent

Parker Conner was a Sunday dinner guest at Blanche Emery's.

A. Bruce celebrated his 50th birthday Monday, March 12th.

There was an athletic match of nine at the Church service Sunday afternoon and four children at Sunday school. The service was conducted by Rev. W. I. Bull.

Buddy Conner of Bethel is staying at Blanche Emery's while his mother is recovering from an automobile accident.

Miss Marion Lapham spent the week end at Betty Ward's at Bethel.

Lester Inman spent Monday evening at Harlan Bumpus'.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews and son Linwood were Sunday dinner guests at Albert McAllister's, Bethel.

Paul Pinkham is spending several days at home, after having his tonsils removed one day last week.

Sunday callers at Ray Lapham's were Laurence Hession and friend from Norway; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Thomas and family of Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hersey at North Waterford. Ray Andrews also called at Merion Kimball's at South Waterford.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Richard Lawrence is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons and children called at B. S. Buck's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stearns at Albany.

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Bataan Hero's Fate Shrouded in Mystery

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RATION TIMETABLE

MEATS & FATS—NOW GOOD:

Red Stamps Q-5 through Z-5 and A-2 through J-2, in Book Four, worth 10 points each. Red Stamps Q-5, R-5, S-5, expire March 31; T-5 through X-5, expire April 28; Y-5, Z-5, and A-2 through J-2, expire June 30.

PROCESSED FOODS—NOW GOOD: Blue Stamps X-5 through Z-5 and A-2 through J-2, worth 10 points each. Blue stamps X-5, Y-5, Z-5, A-2 and B-2 expire March 31; C-2 through G-2 expire April 28; H-2 through J-2 expire June 30.

SUGAR—NOW GOOD: Sugar Stamp No. 35 in Book Four, good for five pounds, expires June 2. It is expected that the next sugar stamp will be validated May 1.

FUEL OIL—Period Four and Period Five coupons of 1943-44 issue and Period One, Two, Three and Four coupons of 1944-45 issue valid in Aug. 31. All coupons worth 10 gallons a unit.

GASOLINE—A-14 coupons good for four gallons each, through March 21. B-5, C-5, B16, C-6, B-7 and C-7 coupons good for five gallons each until further notice. Applicants for all gas rations must now present mileage ration records to local boards with application.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2, and 3 in War Book Three good for one pair of shoes each indefinitely.

Prince Sainjo, last of the elder statesmen who guided Japan successfully through the Russo-Japanese war, died in 1910 at the age of 92.

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LINCOLN PLANT

Moderator—D. H. Clerk—Marjorie L. Selectmen—Lauren

Ledy Olson, D. Clerk—Treasure—Lewis O. School Committee—

Road Commission—Bennett

Appropriations—Roads and Bridges

Show Removal—Common Schools

High School tuition—School supplies—text

Public Health Nurse—Maintenance State A

Maintenance 3d Class—Interest & payment

Schoolhouse Acct.—Town House Acct.

Town Expenses—Road Machine Acct.

Fish Acct.—Cemetery Acct.</

LINCOLN PLANTATION
Moderator—D Clinton Bennett
Clerk—Marjorie Littlehale
Selectmen—Lauren E Bennett,
Roy Olson, D Clinton Bennett,
Treasurer—Lewis Olson
Collector—Lewis Olson
School Committee—LeRoy Olson
Road Commissioner—Ernest
Bennett
Appropriations
Roads and Bridges \$1,000.00
Snow Removal 1,500.00
Common Schools 1,700.00
High School tuition 4,700.00
Public Health Nurse 150.00
Maintenance State Aid Rd 1,000.00
Maintenance 3d Class Road 12.00
Interest & payment on note \$68.00
Schoolhouse Acct. 500.00
Town House Acct. 150.00
Town Expenses 750.00
Road Machine Acct. 100.00
Fish Acct. 100.00
Cemetery Acct. 75.00
Total Appropriations \$12,620.00

MAGALLOWAY PLT
Moderator—Leonard Jordan
Clerk—Evelyn M Cameron
Selectmen—Frank Cameron,
Leonard Jordan, Claude Linnell Jr.
Treasurer—Benjamin Littlehale
Collector—Archie Bennett
School Committee—Mary Lin-
nell
Road Commissioner—Clifton
Littlehale
Roads and Bridges \$100.00
Snow Removal 1,000.00
High School tuition 2,000.00
School Supplies 50.00
Public Health Nurse 150.00
Maintenance State Road 400.00
Maintenance 3d Class Road 900.00
Officers' Salaries 1,740.00
Miscellaneous Account 1,740.00
Total Appropriations \$7,870.00

STATE OF MAINE
To all persons interested in either
of the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris,
in and for the County of Oxford on
the third Tuesday of February, in
the year of our Lord one thousand
nine hundred and forty-five from
day to day from the third Tuesday
of said February. The following
matters having been presented for
the action thereupon hereinafter
indicated, it is hereby Ordered:
That notice thereof be given to
all persons interested, by causing
a copy of this order to be published
in three weeks successively in the
Oxford County Citizen a newspaper
published at Bethel in said County,
that they may appear at a Probate
Court to be held at said Paris, on
the third Tuesday of March, A.
D. 1945, at 10 o'clock in the fore-
noon, and be heard thereon if
they see cause.
Lawrence B. Perry, late of Bethel,
deceased; Will and petition for
probate thereof and the appoint-
ment of Joseph L. Perry as executor
of the same to act without bond
as expressed in said Will, pre-
sented by Joseph L. Perry the executor
therein named.
Irving L. Carver, late of Bethel,
deceased; First account presented
for allowance by Ruth H. Carver,
now Ruth Carver Ames, adminis-
tratrix.
Annie C. Cole, late of Gilead, de-
ceased; Second trust account for
the benefit of Peabody Cemetery
presented for allowance by Roger
W. Wheeler, Administrator of es-
tate of Chester Wheeler who was
the Trustee under the Will of said
Annie C. Cole.
Chester Wheeler, late of Bethel,
deceased; First and final account
presented for allowance by Roger
W. Wheeler, administrator.
Barbara H. Hastings et als., of
Bethel, minors; Petition for license
to sell real estate situated in Bethel,
presented by Ruth C. Hastings,
guardian, of said wards.
Witness, Albert J. Stearns, Judge
of said Court at Paris, this third
Tuesday of February in the year
of our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and forty-five.
FARLEY R. CLIFFORD, Register. 11

NOTICE
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed Exr. of the estate of Jennie A. Bosserman, late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, without bond. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
William E. Bosserman
Bethel, Maine.
Feb. 20th, 1945. 11

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
Whereas Ruby Perkins, of Bethel, County of Oxford, State of Maine, by her mortgage deed dated December 7, 1935 and recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Book 110, Page 475, conveyed to me, the undersigned, Leslie E. Davis, of said Bethel, a certain parcel of land situated in said Bethel, in Bethel Village, on the northeasterly side of Vernon Street, and bounded as follows: beginning at a stake on said Vernon Street, one hundred thirty-eight (138) feet from line of land of Fred L. Edwards; thence northeasterly one hundred feet to a stake; thence southeasterly one hundred twenty-five feet to a stake; thence southwesterly one hundred feet to Vernon Street; thence northwesterly on Vernon Street to the point of beginning; with the buildings thereon. Said parcel being the same named and bounded in deed of Emma Stearns to Ruby Perkins, dated August 1, 1935, recorded in said registry, book 115, page 74; and whereas the condition of said mortgage has been broken; Now therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof, I, the said Davis, claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.
LESLIE E. DAVIS
Dated March 6, 1945. 12

OPTION
Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent
Glenn Abbott of East Sumner visited at C A Judkins a few days last week before going to Portland for his physical examination.
Alfred Fraser went to Bryant Pond Saturday to get his truck, which was left there when he was taken sick some time ago.
Mr and Mrs Everett Angove and family of Pine Point were week end guests of his mother, Mrs John Angove.
Roland Bernier has finished his work in East Livermore and is preparing to move home this week.
The regular Farm Bureau meeting was held at the home of Mrs Lettie Douglass, Friday, March 9, with Mrs Virginia Brown, H D A present. Subject—Minute Savers, light members and three visitors present.
Miss Catherine Powers, Oxford County 4-H Club Leader was in town Friday to try to organize a 4-H Club. She persuaded Mrs Kenneth Hinkley to be the local leader for this Club.
The Misses Ruth Judkins and Carrie Angove were home over the week end.

NORTH NEWRY
Guy Bartlett was in Newry the last of the week taking Farm Census.
Mrs Frances Davis of Bethel is spending a few days here with Mr and Mrs Robert Davis.
Mrs Herbert Morton went to Portland Sunday where she expects to enter the hospital the first of the week for surgery.
Mrs Francis Vail is at home from Rumford, for a few days.
Mrs Willard A. Wright of Rumford spent the week end with Mr and Mrs Fred Wright.
Miss Amy Bennett is at home from Hartford, Conn., at a visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs Roy W Bennett.
Mrs Sadie Allen and Mrs Ruth Cates were callers at Fred Kilgore's Thursday.
A Whist Party was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Herbert Morton Jr. Friday evening, proceeds of which will be donated to the Red Cross.
Bear River Grange held its regular meeting Saturday evening, March 10, with an attendance of 25. Next meeting will be held March 24, and will be Gentlemen's Night.

SUNDAY RIVER
Mrs Bessie Reynolds visited her mother in Berlin last Friday.
Bertha Bean was called to Providence, R I by the death of her brother-in-law.
Mrs Mary Foster has gone to care for her daughter, Mrs Harry Chase who is sick.
Owen Demeritt and Alvin Morrison spent several days in Ketchikan recently.
Mr and Mrs Harold Bennett, Gard Brown and Jim Reynolds, also have been in Ketchikan.
Mr and Mrs Stanley Roberts called at R L Foster's Monday.
Mrs Elizabeth Reynolds visited her mother recently at Harrison.
Harry Lane is yarding wood for J B Chapman.
Clifton Jackson is yarding wood for Esther Williamson with one of Lane's teams.
Recent callers at R M Fleet's were Mr and Mrs Warren Tyler and children Price and Wayne, also Mr Berryment, also of Bryant Pond.

SONGO POND
Elmer Saunders was a dinner guest at Hollis Grindle's Sunday.
Irving Green, North Waterford called on Mrs Maud Grindle Sunday.
Carroll Buck hauled hay from the Millets to his father's place Saturday.
Fred Murphy is a patient at Augusta Hospital.
Mr and Mrs Hollis Grindle and Gloria were supper guests at Mrs Grindle's brother, Charles Bryant at Bethel Sunday.
Those having the prevailing colds are Russell Millett, Mr and Mrs Hollis Grindle and Mrs Maud Grindle.
Mr and Mrs A B Kimball were in Berlin, N H Friday on business.
Mr and Mrs Clarence Kimball of Auburn were at Leslie Kimball's Sunday.
Miss Eleanor Kimball with Mr and Mrs Ray Jewell were in South Paris Saturday evening.
Mrs Helen Jewell and son Howard and Miss Eleanor Kimball called on Mrs Laura Pinkham and Mrs Christine Rich Sunday afternoon.

FARM BUREAU MUTUAL
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Concord, New Hampshire
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944
Real Estate \$85,407.31
Stocks and Bonds 615,388.34
Cash in Office & Bank 53,003.31
Agents' Balances 16,850.83
Interest and Rents 3,419.49
All other Assets 42,688.71
Gross Assets \$771,058.64
Liabilities DEC. 31, 1944
Net Unpaid Losses \$183,517.29
Unearned Premiums 417.50
All other Liabilities 7,355.19
Contingent Surplus to policyholders—Guarantee Deposits 137,499.52
Surplus over all Liabilities 442,269.14
Total Liabilities and Surplus 13, plus, \$771,058.64

BRYANT POND
Mrs Inez Whitman, Correspondent
Pvt Linwood Felt came Tuesday, March 6, from Camp Blanding, Fla, to spend a furlough with his wife and two sons. He leaves the 14th and will report at Fort Meade, Md.
Abner H Mann was on the Grand Jury last week at Rumford. Clarence J Penham is on the Traverse Jury.
Raymond Langway has taken over the milk route of John Hemmingway and began Monday. He will deliver milk at Bryant Pond and West Paris.
Mrs Carrie DeVece is still very sick. Mrs Agnes Littlehale is caring for her. Mrs DeVece's daughter, Mrs Harriet Farnum, of Portland has also been with her a short time.
Mr and Mrs Walter Millett have moved back to their home in Milton after spending the winter with their daughter, Mrs Agnes Coffin and granddaughter, Mrs Roland Lord.

ROWE HILL
Mrs Ray Hanson returned from a visit with her sisters in West Peru Sunday night, staying with her sister, Mrs Iva Lang, Locke Mills, until Monday night. Misses Lillian and Sylvia Ring accompanied her as far as Locke Mills, returning to West Peru Sunday night.
Mr and Mrs Colby Ring were in Berlin, N H, last Thursday and in Gorham, N H, Friday.
Mrs Margaret Bryant and Wilmer were in South Paris Saturday.
Mrs Margaret Bryant and Osman Palmer were in Bethel last Thursday to see a doctor.
There was a light snowfall Monday morning, about an inch, clearing Tuesday morning and the wind blowing.
Osman Palmer and Wilmer Bryant are working in the woods this week.

NORTH WOODSTOCK
Mr and Mrs Leslie Abbott were guests Sunday afternoon with his sister, Mrs George Abbott and husband.
Mr and Mrs Willard Farwell and family visited Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr and Mrs O J Farwell at East Bethel.
Several from this community attended the card party at B J Warner's Saturday night. It was for the benefit of the Red Cross.
C James Knight visited several days last week with his brother Jay C Knight at Groveton, N H.
Emma Davis was at home Thursday evening and also over the week end.
Several from this community attended town meeting last week.
Stanford Ricker started school Monday after missing several weeks due to bad weather and bad traveling.
Dana Dudley was at his grandmother's, Mrs Herman Cole's Saturday afternoon.

MRS TOM HUOTARI
Mrs Teeta Huotari, wife of Tom Huotari of Greenwood, died at the C M Hospital, Lewiston, March 7. She was born in Finland, March 30, 1892. She was the daughter of John and Emma Niskanen of Vaisanen and had been twice married. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons, T. Reimo Roukolainen, now in Germany, Corp Nestor Roukolainen in France, Vieno Roukolainen of Greenwood, two grandchildren, her mother, Mrs Anna Pulkkinen, Greenwood; four brothers, Henry Waisanen of Wargen; Oscar Waisanen, Finland; Carl Waisanen of Wargen, Uno Waisanen of Harrison.

WEST PARIS
Mrs Geneva Tuell, Correspondent
Women's Dedication Day service was held under the auspices of the Glad Hand Class Sunday morning at 10:30 at the Universalist Church with the following members participating, Louie Coffin, Myrtle Bonney, Lyndall Farr, Lena Dean, Beatrice Jackson, Clara Gordon, Alura Andrews, Reta Proctor, Beatrice Dymont, Virginia Parker, Georgena Buck, Avis Steinhorn.
The D A O Club met after the regular meeting of the Pleasant Star and elected officers as follows: President, Alice Haines; Vice-President, Beatrice Jackson; Secretary, Gladys Ellingwood; Treasurer, Madeline Jacobs. They voted to give the Red Cross \$15.00.

LOCKE MILLS
Adelaide W. Lister, Correspondent
The Quota for the Red Cross for our town is \$415. Under the direction of Mrs Rowena Dunham, chairman, the following ladies are soliciting the town: Florence Ring, Myra Jordan, Emma Day, Winifred Hanscom, Ella Cole, Katie Tomlinson and Stella Millett.
The State Guard held a very successful dance at the Town Hall Saturday night. The attendance completely filled the hall.
Mrs Alice Staples of Hanover is the house guest of Mrs W B Rand. Miss Blouise Dunham, daughter of the R Clyde Dunham, is still confined to her home.
Mrs Mildred Cummings who has been ill, is much better.
Mrs Nestor Roukolainen who has spent the past two weeks at Lewiston to be with her mother-in-law, the late Mrs Tom Huotari has returned home.
Durward Lang is ill at his home.
Madelyn Swan, younger daughter of Pyle and Mrs Harry Z Swan, who has been ill, is much better.
Onel Bachelder, son of Mrs John Swan, reported back to Seattle, Washington, last Wednesday, after a ten day leave enjoyed here.
Defense stamps were purchased at the village school as follows during the past week: Primary \$5.55, Intermediate \$11.00; Grammar, \$2.10. Alberta Baker purchased a War Bond Saturday.
Albert L Swan is at Meriden Miss., the guest of his son, Lt A Lee Swan.
Thelma Morse, who broke her leg a few weeks ago, has returned to school.
Lorinda Robinson, who broke her collar bone, has returned to school.
Mrs Frank Gilman, who has been visiting at the home of her husband's parents, the Frank Vetquokis has returned to her home at South Paris.
John Davis, the son of Owen R Davis, who has been very ill is able to sit up now.

EAST BETHEL
Mrs Marie Harrington of Bryant Pond was the guest of her sister, Mrs Lewis Smith, Sunday.
Mrs Earl Graves of Rockland returned home Wednesday after a visit of several days with her sister, Mrs Urtan Bartlett.
Rodney Howe was ill with flu the latter part of last week.
Mr and Mrs Raymond Norris of Wayne were week end guests of Mrs Helen Newman.
Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs Edgar Coolidge were Mr and Mrs Rilton Dunham and Edgar Dunham of Bryant Pond. Mr and Mrs Floyd Coolidge and family and Mr and Mrs Lester Coolidge and family.
Mrs Edith Howe is soliciting for the Red Cross war fund in this community.
Luck Clover 4-H Club met at the home of Shirley Bartlett Saturday afternoon.
Two demonstration teams were chosen, Shirley and Carlene for the girls team and Clarke and LeRoy for the boys.
It was voted that each member earn and give fifty cents to the Red Cross war fund. The next meeting will be held Monday, Mar 19.

WEST BETHEL
Miss Marjorie Fuller, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs Kenneth Lovejoy has returned to Rumford.
Clayton Kendall entered the St Louis hospital Berlin, N H, Sunday for surgery.
Lidell Maxim spent the week end in South Paris, the guest of her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Card.
Mrs Herman Mason was in Portland Saturday.
Paul Head and Stephen Westleigh were in Portland on Monday.
Mr and Mrs Fred Lovejoy, Miss Lillian Lovejoy, Mrs Clayton Kendall and Laurence Kendall were in South Paris Thursday evening.
They called on Mr Lovejoy's sister, Mrs Florence Westleigh who was celebrating her 71st birthday.

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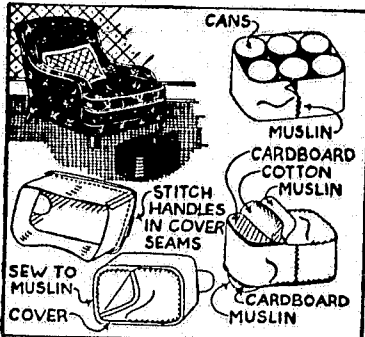
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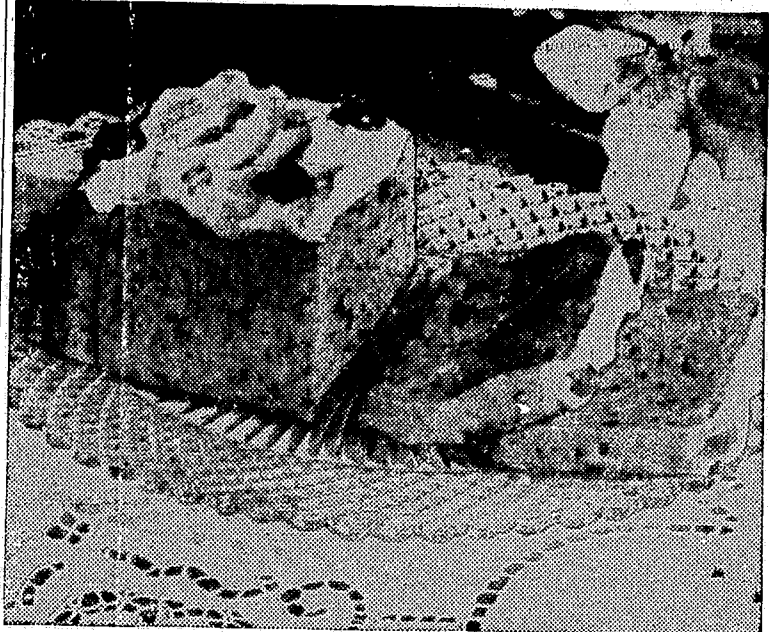
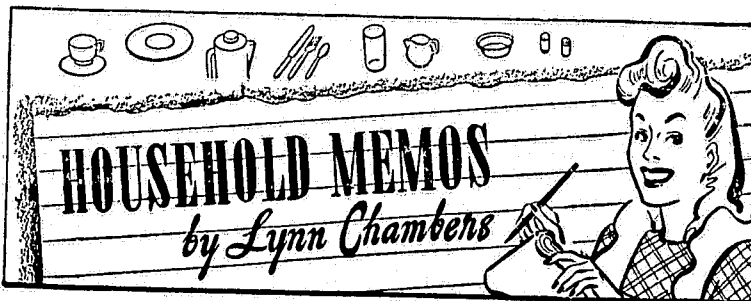
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Prune Fluff Is a Sugar-Easy Dessert

(See Recipe Below)

Dessert Answers

As the frosty winter melts and soft spring breezes gradually take its place, our thoughts turn to less hearty desserts. First and foremost on our minds is the sugar problem and how we can skirt around it.

There are many helps available today. Although sugar is not available in the quantity in which we'd like it, then, at least, substitutes are plentiful—corn syrups and honey among them.

You can use both fresh and dried fruits which are high in natural sweetness. You can use prepared puddings, prepared cake mixes and flavored gelatin desserts which will not take even a teaspoonful of sugar.

Our star of the column today is Prune Fluff which may be prepared in a loaf pan and served with custard sauce to substitute for whipped cream.

*Prune Fluff. (Serves 12)

1½ cups cooked prunes
½ cup liquid drained from prunes
½ cup sugar
4 teaspoons lemon juice
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon plain gelatin
2 tablespoons cold water
5 egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Soft custard sauce

Remove pits from prunes and beat prunes through a pulp. Combine the prune liquid, sugar and lemon juice, spice and salt in saucepan and bring to a boil. Continue boiling two minutes. Remove from heat. Add gelatin moistened in cold water and stir to dissolve. Pour hot liquid over egg whites and beat well. Add flavoring and prunes and mix thoroughly but lightly. Pour into wax paper-lined mold and chill until firm. Unmold and slice. Serve with soft custard sauce.

The tangy taste of oranges in this different kind of "fluff" makes a nice topping for hot, spicy gingerbread.

Orange Fluff. (For gingerbread)

1 tablespoon flour
1½ tablespoons sugar
Few grains of salt
1 egg yolk
½ cup orange juice
¼ teaspoon grated orange rind
1 egg white

Mix flour, sugar and salt. Beat egg yolk; add to first mixture. Blend in orange juice and mix well. Add rind. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly. Cover; cook 10 minutes. Chill. Beat egg white stiff and fold in. Serve at once.

Lynn Says:

Kitchen Tips: To shine your stove, rub waxed paper over it after cleaning. This will also keep it from getting rusty.

To clean brass pipes and fixtures, rub with half a lemon, rinse with boiling water and rub dry.

To pick up tiny slivers of glass which may have broken on the floor, moisten a piece of absorbent cotton and wipe over the slivers. This will pick them up and prevent cutting your fingers.

To loosen stubborn bottle caps, knock on floor on each side of cap and screw loose. For stubborn cases, let hot water run over cap before knocking against floor.

To make cut glass retain its brilliancy, rub with a piece of lemon, then rinse and rub dry with lintless towel.

Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menu
Lamb Liver with Bacon
Creamed Potatoes
Beets with Green Peas
Tossed Apple Salad
Hot Rolls
*Prune Fluff
*Recipe given.

Here's a gingerbread that takes honors because it uses little of our precious sugar and still is satisfactory from the standpoint of sweetness. Use stewed pears, apricots, apples or nectarines over the top.

Gingerbread Upside Down Cake.

¼ cup shortening
¼ cup sugar
1 egg
¼ cup molasses
¼ cup milk
2 cups sifted flour
¼ teaspoon ginger
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon salt

Cream shortening. Add sugar gradually. Add egg and beat well. Stir molasses into milk. Sift together dry ingredients. Add alternately with molasses mixture. Mix until smooth. Prepare square pan as follows:

¼ cup molasses
2 tablespoons butter or substitute
1 cup sliced fruit

Melt butter in square pan then add molasses and arrange fruit in it in a decorative pattern. Pour gingerbread batter over fruit and bake in a moderately hot (350-degree) oven 45 to 60 minutes. Turn upside down.

The dried fruits may be used in this delicious crispy dessert. Or, if you want to use canned fruits or fresh apples or pears, the choice will be a good one:

Fruit Crunch. (Serves 6 to 8)

2 cups peaches, apricots, pears or apples
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
¼ cup brown sugar
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
2 cups lightly crushed cornflakes
3 tablespoons melted butter or substitute
2½ tablespoons brown sugar

Soak dried fruit and then cook until tender. Drain. Fresh fruit need only be peeled and cored. Place in a shallow baking dish which has been well greased. Mix together lemon rind, ¼ cup brown sugar, and cinnamon. Sprinkle over fruit. Mix together cornflakes and butter, and add remaining sugar. Pack firmly over fruit. Bake in a moderately hot oven at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Serve with or without cream.

Hot Apple Dessert. (Serves 6)

6 apples
½ cup seeded raisins
¼ cup sugar
20 marshmallows

Pare, quarter and slice apples. Place in greased pudding dish in layers with raisins and sugar. Cover and bake until apples are tender. Remove cover when apples are done and cover with marshmallows and then brown in hot oven. Serve at once.

Rice-Orange Pudding. (Serves 4)

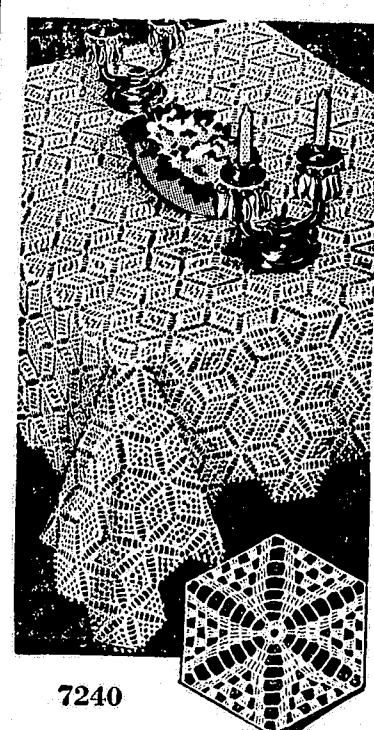
2 cups cooked rice
¼ cup dark corn syrup
¼ cup orange juice
1½ cups orange sections

Combine syrup and orange juice. Bring to a boil and boil 5 minutes, then add orange sections. Reheat and add rice. Chill well before serving.

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When drying a hairbrush, put the bristle-side down. If bristles point upward, water will drain onto wood block holding the bristles, in time causing it to split.

To clean your coffee percolator, fill it with water as usual, but put in four tablespoons of salt instead of coffee. Heat just as if you were making coffee. The salt will thoroughly do the job.

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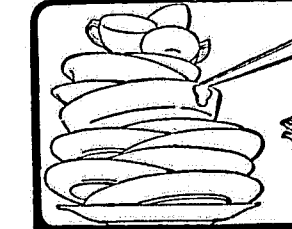
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Kathleen Norris Says:

What About Babies in War Time?

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"The trouble is that John is most anxious for a child, and I am unwilling to assume that responsibility until after the war."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"WILL you please settle a question for my husband and me?" writes Donna Barton, from Pasadena. "I am 22, John is 27; we have been happily married for a year and a half, during which time my sailor-husband has been twice to the South seas and back. Ours is an unusual devotion; we have no families, we live for each other."

"The trouble is that John is most anxious for a child, and I am unwilling to assume that responsibility until after the war. When peace comes he will still have another year in medical school and the usual intern years to face, and I am earning good money as teacher in a private school, and saving for his education. We are young, and I believe we may reasonably look forward to long years ahead, when conditions will be more normal, life less of a strain and everything easier on us all."

"This is the first difference that has arisen between us. For awhile I managed to treat it as a sort of joke; then I dropped the subject completely, but now he is continually bringing it up. The probability is that he will soon go away again, for the dangerous duties of a destroyer's existence, and he says he would love to feel that a baby as well as a wife was waiting for him at home. Please tell me—I have no mother—if you agree with him. Of course, I would adore my baby. It would break my heart not to have children someday, but I can't face it now. John did not say he would abide by your advice, but he admitted that it would influence him. 'Mother,' concludes this letter, 'sometimes used to read your articles aloud to us at the Sunday breakfast table when I wasn't more than 10 years old, so please regard me as a sort of grandchild and tell me if I am making a mistake.'"

No, I don't think you are making a mistake, Donna, I think you are acting wisely—that is, may I add parenthetically, if you are using only those precautions against motherhood that are recognized as legitimate, and I am sure you are. 'Normalizing' War.

What John is trying to do is what so many young men and women are rebelliously trying to do in these dark times; he is trying to normalize war. It cannot be done. War is like a high fever, sweeping over the world, and persons or worlds in a high fever must have very careful and special treatment; everyone of us must make sacrifices and face changes heroically, if we are to get through this thing, and John's and your sacrifice must be made in waiting for the richness and glory of parenthood.

You cannot manage your job and your baby, which means financial stringency for all three of you. The entire responsibility for the baby would be yours, without husband or mother or sister to advise you and that is a nervous strain to which he has no right to expose you. His visits home will be brief for the next few years, and far apart, he will hardly know his child. He may not return, in which case your baby will be exposed to two possibilities, both unfair to babyhood. One is that you will become one of those dotting mothers who are absorbed in a child, spoiling that child and living for him, and eventually breaking his heart when he grows away

BETTER TO WAIT

There's no use trying to pretend that these are normal times, or that the usual customs can prevail in the midst of a great war, Miss Norris tells a young wife that her husband is wrong to want a baby now, while he is away at sea, in constant peril. If he dies, his child will be left without the protection and care of a father.

Donna would like a child as much as John, but she realizes that she would have to try to hold her job and care for her baby at the same time—an almost impossible burden. John is stationed on a destroyer. His life may end at any moment, and then the whole responsibility of supporting and rearing their child would fall on Donna. If she remarried, she would face the likelihood that her second husband would not be able to love another man's child, and the resulting domestic tension would wreck any chance of enduring happiness.

from your influence. The other is the more usual one of your remarrying presently, and giving him a stepfather.

Only a husband of superhuman goodness and generosity will share the raptures of young married life with a small stepson; the child's demands and needs will be continually getting in the way of the new husband's natural claims. No matter how eagerly he agrees to any conditions you make, the wear and tear of married life will wipe away every memory of them, and once you begin the "you promised" and "you said" and "I always understood" sort of conversation your marriage is doomed.

Difficult Adjustment.

The adjustments between children and step-parents is a real problem today, with wartime divorces almost equaling marriages in number. In a case that recently came to my attention, the little daughter of the first marriage, a child of six, had never slept away from her mother before. When she found her place taken by a strange man, and herself expected to call him "Daddy," the child went into a psychological state very hard to handle and eventually had to be moved to the custody of strangers. It was of this child that I once asked the stepfather: "Margot giving any trouble?" "Nothing that couldn't be whipped out of her," he said briefly. He was a clever man and known as a "good fellow," but he couldn't love another man's child.

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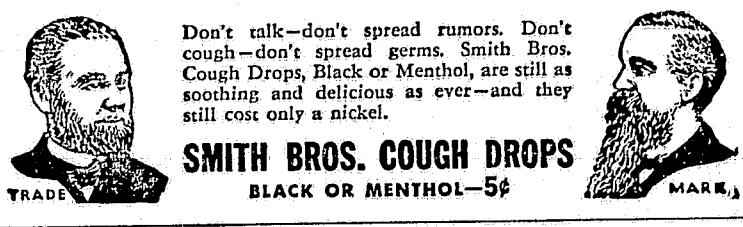
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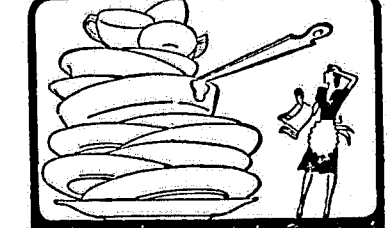
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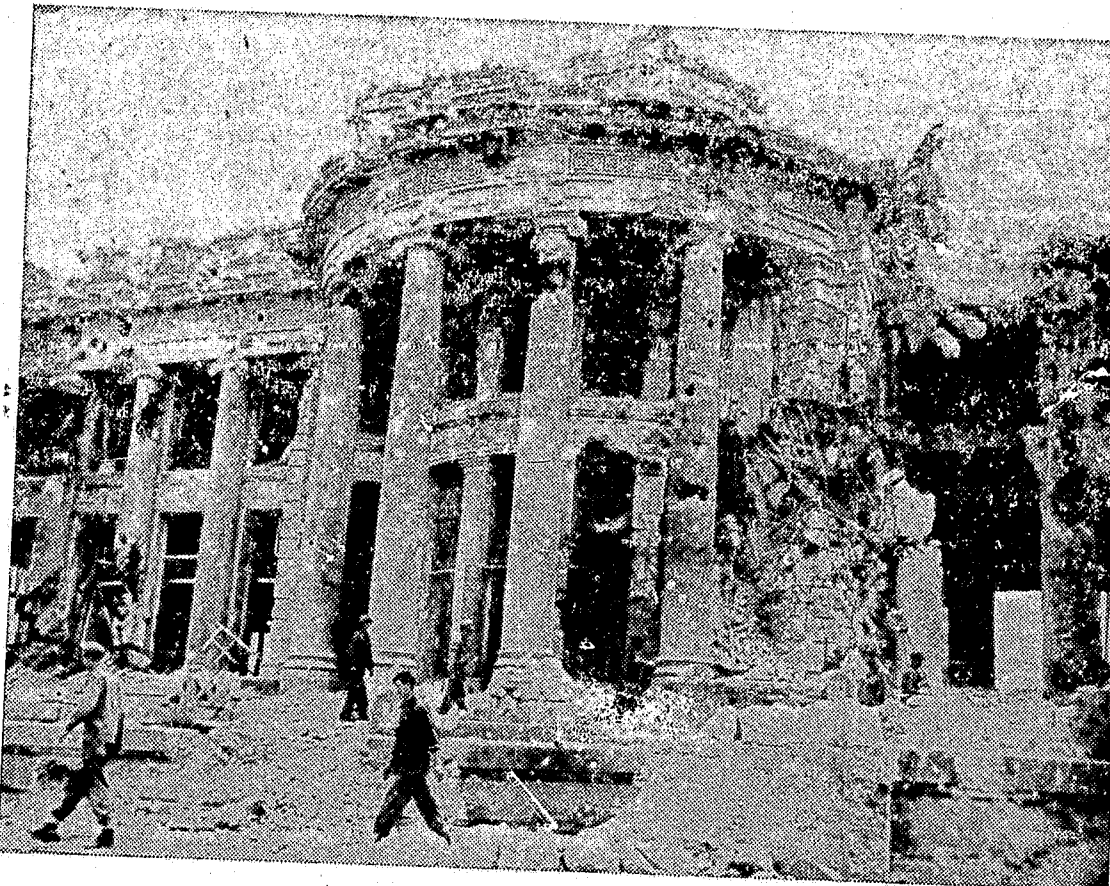
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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

John J. Foster, Minister

9:45 Church School. Mrs. Loton Hutchingson, Superintendent.
11:00 Kindergarten Class. Mrs. Kneeland in charge, assisted by Katharine Kellogg.

11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon topic "The Golden Gate."

A Candlelight Communion Service for the members of the Pilgrim Fellowship will be held in the Church on Sunday evening, March 18th, at 6:30 o'clock.

Rev. Robert N. Foster Minister of the Congregational Church in Gorham, N. H. will be the guest speaker at the Union Lenten Service to be held in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening, March 22nd, at 7:30 o'clock. This will be "Youth Night," so we extend a special invitation to all the young people of the school and the community.

New members will be received into our fellowship on Easter Sunday morning. Mr. Foster will be glad to discuss this matter with those of you who are interested.

METHODIST CHURCH

William Penner, Pastor

9:45 Church School. Miss Minnie Wilson, Superintendent.

11:00 Morning Worship Service. Sermon theme: "What do we mean by SALVATION?"

6:30 Youth Fellowship Meeting at the home of Wilma and Norma Bean. Program leaders, Herbie Brooks and Katherine Brooks.

The Union Lenten Service Thursday, March 22 will be held in the Methodist church. It will be a Youth Service to which all students in Bethel are especially invited.

Rev. Robert Foster, minister of the Congregational Church in Gorham will be the guest speaker.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

"Substance" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist on Sunday, March 18.

The Golden Text is: "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." (Psalms 119:89.)

The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding."

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following selections from the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy: "Spirit, the synonym of Mind, Soul, or God, is the only real substance. The spiritual universe, including individual man, is a compound idea, reflecting the divine substance of Spirit." (page 468:21.)

Testimonial meetings second Wednesday of every month.

BRYANT POND BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Franklin S. Keelwetter, Pastor

Miss Margaret L. Howe, Organist and Choir director.
Morning Worship, 10:30.
Sermon—When the Song Begins Text 2 Chronicles 20: 27

Sunday School 11:45
Young People's Bible Class 7:00.
Evening Service, 7:30
The Mission Circle will meet with Mrs. Porter Swan on Tuesday evening.

The Ladies Aide will have a supper in the Social Hall Wednesday evening at 6:00. They are looking forward to a large gathering.

Prayer meeting in the parsonage Wednesday evening following the supper.
Young people will meet in the Social hall Thursday evening at 7:30.

Bible Club directly after school in the parsonage.
Choir Rehearsal Friday evening in the parsonage. All are urged to attend to practice the Easter music.

BORN

In Berlin, N. H., March 12, to Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels of Gilead, a daughter.



Gen. Kreuger, Gen. Kenny and Gen. Sutherland discuss invasion plans on one of the Philippine Islands. They consider the vast quantity of munitions that War Bonds buy and which make possible the advance of our armed forces.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Perfect attendance for the last six weeks: Donald Bennett, Lawrence Bennett, Edwin Bumpus, Norma Cross, Donald Lord, Earl McAllister, Rodney McAllister, Richard Rolfe, Lois Ann Van Den Kerckhoven, Alan Weymouth.

Not absent for 12 weeks: Donald Bennett, Lawrence Bennett, Norma Cross, Donald Lord, Earl McAllister, Lois Ann Van, Alan Weymouth.

Six weeks perfect attendance: Shirley Andrews, Mary Cross, Betty Cummings, Rowena Cummings, Constance Doyen, David Durgin, John Head, Ronald Kendall, David Kneeland, Rene Lettvee, Charlotte Scribner, Grace Taylor, Richard Varney, Doris Wermenchuk.

Twelve weeks: Shirley Andrews, Mary Cross, Rowena Cummings, Constance Doyen, David-Durgin, John Head, Richard Varney, Doris Wermenchuk.

Not absent for six weeks: Wayne Bennett, Charles Blake, Arnold Brown, Lester Coolidge Jr., Lerice Lord, Davene Marble, Gary Melville, Chester Osgood, Francis Osgood Jr., Robert Tift, Nancy Van Den Kerckhoven.

Not absent for 12 weeks: Arnold Brown, Charles Blake, Davene Marble, Gary Melville, Chester Osgood, Francis Osgood Jr., Nancy Van Den Kerckhoven.

Not absent for six weeks: Sally Brown, Marolyn Doye, Geraldine Galvin, Laurlyn Kiteledge, Janice Lord, Alberta McAllister, Roy Murphy, Mary Stevens, Albert Taylor, Barbara Wilson.

DIED
In Lewiston, March 7, Mrs. Reeta Huntari of Greenwood, aged 53 years.

In Lewiston, March 8, Mrs. Eva A. Chapman of Bethel, aged 51 years.

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THE GUILD

The Guild met Wednesday evening for their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. B. F. Ireland. A pot-luck supper was served at 6:30. With twenty-two members present.

It was voted to donate money to the Red Cross, also the Guild voted to entertain the Ladies Club at their meeting of April 11.

Rev. John J. Foster gave an interesting review of the book, "Black Boy," by Richard Wright.

SOUTH BETHEL

William Ripley of South Paris called at the home of James Spinney one day recently.

Mr. Rainey and Mr. Deegan also called at James Spinney's one day last week.

Mrs. Robert Kirk is visiting Mr. Kirk's mother, Mrs. Frank Robertson.

Horace Tibbets was home sick a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Butters and family of Bethel spent Sunday evening at the home of James Spinney.

Mrs. Guy Parker was at Lovell recently to visit her parents.

Mrs. Mary Lovejoy is at the home of her parents on Bird Hill as her mother is quite sick.

Edith Bailey of Bethel called at James Spinney's recently.

Mrs. Frank Brooks is still on the sick list.

Verna and Allen Mason returned home from Norway last Thursday sick.

Charles Mason is cutting wood for Francis Brooks.

Quite a few in the neighborhood are sick with bad colds.

CARD OF THANKS
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Cash in Office and Bank 124,340.27

Agents' Balances 0

Bills Receivable 15,101.20

Interest and Rents 25,460.19

All Other Assets \$3,430,268.39

Deduct items not admitted 21,323.30

Admitted \$3,408,942.79

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses \$243,553.24

Unearned Premiums 733,635.74

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BETHEL LOCAL

Jack McMillin was the week end.

Mrs. John Poole of Falls was in town Monday.

Miss Helen Varner spent week end with relatives.

Miss Carrie Wright was in town from Thursday until Friday, March 23rd to receive Mrs. Pat O'Brien, spent days in Boston the first week.

Mrs. Annie Craig, who very ill for several days, much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Norway were calling on here Saturday.

All schools in Bethel closed Friday, March 23rd to receive day, April 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton C. Portland spent the week Leslie Cummings.

Miss Ruth Donahue spent week end with Miss Albright at West Bethel.

Mrs. George Lothrop guest of her parents at Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Bartlett and Mrs. Chester G. French of spent Sunday with A. H. family.

Mrs. Walter Tinkander is day for Norfolk, Va., to some time with her husband stationed there.

Warrant Officer Bliss of the Merchant Marine at Joyce Chapman of Portland visitors of her parents, Mr. Sidney Chapman, Sunday.

Dr. W. H. Boynton has at the Albert Sanborn property Skillingston of Walter L. North Waterford. Mr. L. owned the place since having bought it of Edward, who has recently moved from in Hebron.

Mrs. Cecil Parker was for a surprise birthday party for of her mother, Mrs. Edna Wednesday afternoon. Present Mrs. Leona Flint, Mrs. Faith and daughter, Julia Rose, Mrs. May Wheeler, Mrs. Irving Miss Abbie Gill, Don Elmer, et.